

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Holiday Craft Show

Romulus Progressive Club is inviting the public to attend its first holiday craft show, to be held at Progressive Hall (near Five Points) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, and Sunday, November 17. Admission is free.

Note: Crafters interested in taking part in this event should call 734-941-3044.

### Chamber Luncheon

David L. Littman, senior vice-president and chief economist at Comerica Bank, will speak on the topic "2003: Economically Solid, Politically Reckless" at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next luncheon, to be held at noon on Tuesday, November 19, at the Romulus Marriott Hotel (located at 30559 Flynn Drive). Cost is \$13 per person for Chamber members; \$15 for the general public.

Registration deadline is noon on Friday, November 15. For more information, call 734-326-4290.

### GED Testing

Romulus/Van Buren Adult Ed is reminding area residents interested in earning their GED that the GED test will be offered at the Adult Ed Center on Hannan Road a total of six times during the months of November and December. Cost is \$100.

For more information, call Romulus/Van Buren Adult Ed at 734-532-1953.

### Deadline for Card Design Contest

Mayor Alan R. Lambert is reminding Romulus youths (ages 5 to 12) that the deadline for entering his first annual holiday card design contest is today (November 1). Ten finalists will have their art displayed at City Hall from Monday, November 4, through Friday, November 15; the winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Toys R Us.

For more information, stop in at City Hall (located at 11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) or call 734-942-7569. □

## Voters Face Full Ballot on November 5

With voters facing a ballot chock-full of races and proposals, Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate is urging people to take particular care when they go to the polls on Tuesday, November 5.

Among her usual reminders:

- Use only the special pencil or pen provided. *Do not use red ink.*
- *Completely* fill in the oval next to each of your choices.
- Be careful not to vote for more candidates than the maximum number specified in each section.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name of that person in the blank space provided and darken the oval next to it.
- Request a new ballot if you make an error.

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To familiarize voters with the ballot's contents, "the little paper" is publishing a list of the partisan and nonpartisan candidates, as well as the proposals to be decided.

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### PARTISAN PORTION

Note: D=Democratic Party, G=Green Party, L=Libertarian Party, N=Natural Law Party, Re=Reform Party, R=Republican Party, US=U.S. Taxpayers Party.

#### Governor and Lieutenant Governor (vote for not more than one)

- Dick Posthumus / Loren Bennett (R)
- Jennifer M. Granholm / John D. Cherry, Jr. (D)
- Douglas Campbell / Adrianna Buonarroti (G)
- Joseph M. Pilchak / Clara C. Pilchak (US)

#### Secretary of State (vote for not more than one)

- Terri Lynn Land (R)
- Melvin Butch Hollowell (formerly Melvin John Hollowell; D)
- Ray Ziarno (G)
- Charles F. Conces (US)

#### Attorney General (vote for not more than one)

- Mike Cox (R)
- Gary C. Peters (D)
- Jerry Jay Kaufman (G)
- Gerald Truman Van Sickle (US)

#### United States Senator (vote for not more than one)

- Andrew Raczkowski (R)
- Carl Levin (D)
- Eric Borregard (G)
- John S. Mangopoulos (Re)
- Doug Dern (N)

#### Representative in Congress, 15th District (vote for not more than one)

- Martin Kaltenbach (R)
- John D. Dingell (D)
- Gregory Stempfle (L)

#### State Senator, 8th District (vote for not more than one)

- Pamela Sharron Montelauro (R)
- Raymond E. Basham (D)
- Bruce David Morse (L)

#### State Representative, 22nd District (vote for not more than one)

- Ronald Vaughan (R)
- Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D)
- Charles H. Kainz (L)

#### Members of the State Board of Education (vote for not more than two)

- Carolyn L. Curtin (R)
- Michael Warren (R)
- Elizabeth W. Bauer (D)
- Nancy L. Quarles (D)
- Diane Barnes (L)
- Scotty Boman (L)
- Kyle Moxley (G)
- Karen Anne Shelley (G)
- Judith Czack (US)
- Ron Monroe (US)
- Michael A. Kitchen (N)

#### Members of the University of Michigan Board of Regents (vote for not more than two)

- Andrea Fischer Newman (R)
- Andrew C. Richner (R)
- Ismael Ahmed (D)
- Greg Stephens (D)
- William W. Hall (L)
- Susan Fawcett (G)
- Matt Petering (G)
- Rick Gualdoni (US)
- Nick Waun (Re)
- David Arndt (N)

#### Members of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees (vote for not more than two)

- Joanne G. Emmons (R)
- Donald W. Nugent (R)
- Colleen M. McNamara (D)
- Cal Rapson (D)
- Surjit Dulai (G)
- Jason LaFay (G)
- Barbara J. Pacifico (US)
- Crystal A. Van Sickle (US)

#### Members of the Wayne State University Board of Governors (vote for not more than two)

- Diane L. Dunaskiss (R)
- Andrew G. McLeMore, Jr. (R)
- Leon H. Atchison (D)
- Richard Bernstein (D)



Linda Choate

- Thomas W. Jones (L)
- Stacy Spaulding Van Oast (L)
- Frederick Kline (G)
- Harold H. Dunn (US)
- Robert S. Miller (US)
- Kathleen Oakford (N)

#### County Executive (vote for not more than one)

- Richard S. Frederick (R)
- Robert A. Ficano (D)

#### County Commissioner, 15th District (vote for not more than one)

- Fred W. Kalsic (R)
- Edward A. Boike, Jr. (D)

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### NONPARTISAN PORTION

#### Justices of the Supreme Court (vote for not more than two)

- Robert Young (Justice of the Supreme Court)
- Bruce H. Yuille
- J. Martin Brennan
- Michael L. Donahue
- Maggie W. Drake
- Donnelly Wright Hadden
- Elizabeth A. Weaver (Justice of the Supreme Court)

#### Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st District, Incumbent Positions (vote for not more than two)

- Chris Murray (Judge of the Court of Appeals)
- Michael J. Talbot (Judge of the Court of Appeals)

#### Judge of the Court of Appeals, 1st District, Nonincumbent Position (vote for not more than one)

- Cynthia Gray Hathaway
- James R. Chylinski
- Karen Fort Hood

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# Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.*

*Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. (Writers need not be afraid to include their name when asking for anonymity, since all such names are kept in the strictest confidence, regardless of whether or not the letter is published.)*

*The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.*

*Opinions expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" are not necessarily shared by the staff of The Romulus News.*

## Democrats Seek Pledge from Dick Posthumus

Dear Lieutenant Governor Posthumus:

As you know, there are a number of legislative initiatives pending in the State House and State Senate which may be addressed in the so-called lame duck session, which will occur between the General Election and the end of the year. A number of these bills address issues on which you have already taken positions as a gubernatorial candidate.

In particular, there are six pieces of legislation which many believe will have a negative effect on ordinary working families in Michigan. Those bills are:

- House Bills 6045-46, which would allow for the conversion of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to a for-profit company;
- Senate Bill 1213, which would allow insurance companies to raise rates without approval of the Insurance Commissioner;
- Senate Bill 214, which would allow the state to approve contracts for oil drilling under the Great Lakes;
- Senate Bill 398, which would make Michigan a "right to work" state;
- Senate Bill 1126, which would require a "waiting week" before receipt of unemployment benefits; and
- House Bill 5870, which, like vouchers, would allow state income tax credits for private education.

I am writing this letter asking you to pledge to oppose these six bills.

In addition, there are four bills pending in the Legislature which will benefit our state and ordinary working families. Those bills are:

- House Bill 4240, which would screen first-graders for reading problems and require teacher training in detecting reading disorders;
- Senate Bill 146, which would ban unregulated Canadian and out-of-state trash;

- House Bill 4049, which would increase the minimum wage and index it to inflation; and

- House Bills 4740-44, which would require insurance companies, including health insurance companies, to pay claims on time.

I am asking that you pledge to support these four bills and work for their passage in the Legislature this year.

It is critical that the people of Michigan know where you stand on these particular issues before the election so they may make an informed decision when they go to the polls on Tuesday, November 5.

Sincerely,  
Mark Brewer, Chair  
Michigan Democratic Party

## Thanks to "Smoke-free Homes" Participants

To the Editor:

The Wayne County Smoking and Tobacco Intervention Coalition would like to thank all the Wayne County families who are protecting their homes from the dangers of secondhand smoke by taking the Smoke-free Homes Pledge. Because you care about the good health of your loved ones, we salute you, and wish you and your families the best in continued good health. We further encourage you to continue to keep your home smoke-free and hope that you will promote the same among your friends and other family members.

Sincerely,  
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Ron Blauet – pictured here with his dog Chips – talked to the children about the responsibilities of pet owners.



## Romulus Voters To Face Full Ballot on Tuesday, November 5

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### Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Incumbent Positions

(vote for not more than twenty)

- Warfield Moore, Jr. (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Susan B. Neilson (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Craig S. Strong (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Edward M. Thomas (Judge of the Circuit Court)
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- Robert L. Ziolkowski (Judge of the Circuit Court)
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- Vonda R. Evans (Judge of the Circuit Court)
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- Pamela Rae Harwood (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Richard P. Hathaway (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Vera Massey Jones (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Mary Beth Kelly (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Stephen P. Korn
- Arthur J. Lombard (Judge of the Circuit Court)

### Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Nonincumbent Position

(vote for not more than one)

- Chris Dingell
- Lynne A. Pierce

### Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Incumbent Positions, Partial Terms Ending 01/01/2005

(vote for not more than two)

- Michael Hathaway (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Lita Helene Popke (Judge of the Circuit Court)
- Ronald Giles

### Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Incumbent Position, Partial Term Ending 01/01/2007

(vote for not more than one)

- Maria Luisa Oxholm (Judge of the Circuit Court)

### Judges of the Probate Court, Incumbent Positions

(vote for not more than three)

- Martin Thomas Maher (Judge of the Probate Court)
- Frances Pitts (Judge of the Probate Court)
- David J. Szymanski (Judge of the Probate Court)

### Judge of the 34th District Court, Nonincumbent Position

(vote for not more than one)

- David A. Glaab
- David M. Parrott

### Community College Trustee, District 9

(vote for not more than one)

- Elizabeth Grant Potter
- Michael J. Reddy

### STATE PROPOSALS

#### Proposal 02-1: A Referendum On Public Act 269 of 2001 – An Act To Amend Certain Sections of Michigan Election Law

Public Act 269 of 2001 would:

- Eliminate "straight party" vote option on partisan general election ballots.
- Require Secretary of State to obtain training reports from local election officials.
- Require registered voters who do not

appear on registration list to show picture identification before voting a challenged ballot.

- Require expedited canvass if presidential vote differential is under 25,000.
- Require ballot counting equipment to screen ballots for voting errors to ensure the accurate tabulation of absentee ballots. Permit voters in polls to correct errors.
- Provide penalties for stealing campaign signs or accepting payment for campaign work while being paid as a public employee to perform election duties.

Should this law be approved?

☐ Yes ☐ No

#### Proposal 02-2: A Proposal To Authorize Bonds For Sewage Treatment Works Projects, Storm Water Projects and Water Pollution Projects

The proposal would:

- Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1 billion to improve the quality of the waters of the state by financing sewage treatment works projects, storm water projects and water pollution projects.
- Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds.

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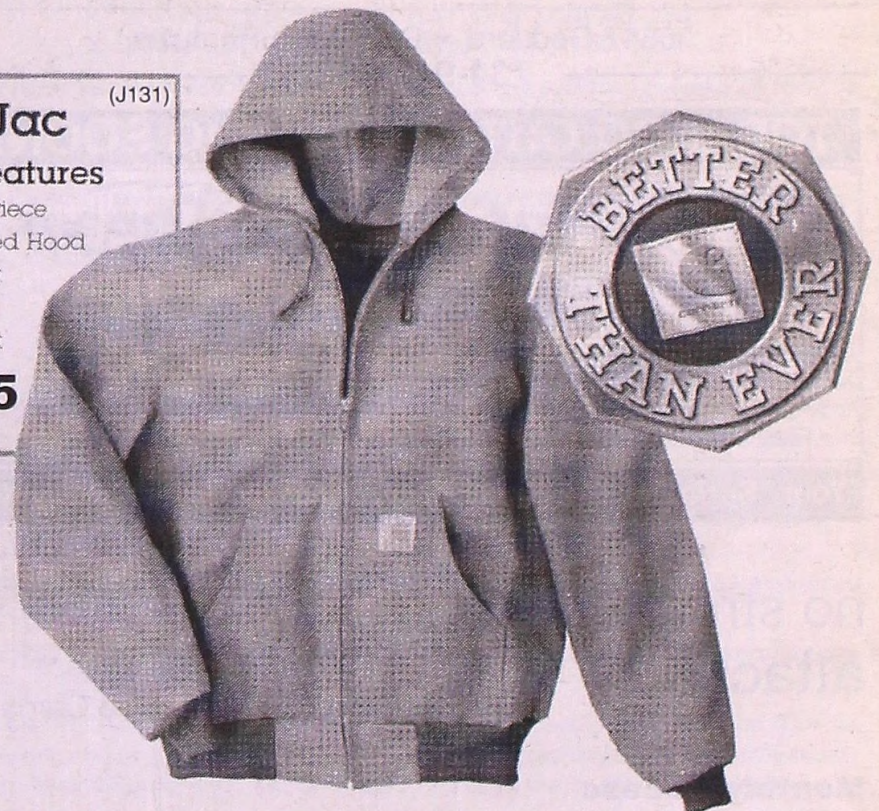
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## District Celebrates National "Make-A-Difference Day"



Among those attending a community baby shower to benefit the Helping Hand of Romulus were: (from left) front — Mary Decker (staff member, Helping Hand), Florence Klein (director, Helping Hand), Bea Shepard (local donor), and Barb Collier (local donor); back — Phyllis Bolus (staff member, Helping Hand), Phyllis Wilkerson (life-management teacher, RHS), Carrie Dalton (local donor), Kathy Hurst (service-learning director, Romulus Community Schools), and Betty Santo (life-management teacher, RMS/faculty director, RMS leadership program).

The Romulus Community Schools celebrated National "Make-A-Difference Day" with a community baby shower at Romulus High School and the kickoff of a nature center at Romulus Elementary School. Both events were well attended and received enthusiastic support from students, parents, and local citizens.

Those who gained admission to the baby shower with the donation of a new, unwrapped baby item were treated to a welcome from RHS sophomore Porsche Laster, shower games, and a luncheon. Kathy Hurst, the district's director of service learning, was pleased with the large turnout and the really impressive

array of baby items to be given to the Helping Hand of Romulus.

Romulus Elementary School's fledgling Nature Center got a head start on next spring's work with donations of flower plantings, bird feeders, and gourd birdhouses brought in by students. The project — under the direction of fifth-grade teacher Marjie McAnally — has benefited from the efforts of parents, teachers, and Hilton Garden Inn representatives who cleared away brush and debris to prepare the site, located on the south lawn. The school is also grateful to the City of Romulus, which donated the use of its wood-chipping machines. □

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Romulus Elementary parent/lunchroom supervisor Tracy Makela placed the colorful gourd birdhouses high into the trees at the school's new nature center.



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- Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund of the state. Should this law be approved?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Proposal 02-3: A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Grant State Classified Employees The Constitutional Right To Collective Bargaining With Binding Arbitration**  
The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Grant state classified employees, in appropriate bargaining units determined by the Civil Service Commission, the right to elect bargaining representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining with the state employer.
- Require the state to bargain in good faith for the purpose of reaching a binding collective bargaining agreement with any elected bargaining representatives over wages, hours, pensions and other terms and conditions of employment.
- Extend the bargaining representatives the right to submit any unresolved disputes over the terms of a collective bargaining agreement to binding arbitration 30 days after the commencement of bargaining.

Should the proposal be adopted?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Proposal 02-4: A Proposed Constitutional Amendment To Reallocate The "Tobacco Settlement Revenue" Received By The State From Cigarette Manufacturers**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Annually allocate on a permanent basis 90% (approximately \$297 million) of "tobacco settlement revenue" received by state from cigarette manufacturers as follows: \$151.8 million to nonprofit hospitals, licensed nursing homes, licensed hospices, nurse practitioners, school-linked health centers and Healthy Michigan Foundation; \$102.3 million to fund programs to reduce tobacco use, Health and Aging Research Development Initiative, Tobacco-Free Futures Fund, Council of Michigan Foundations and Nurses Scholarship Program; and \$42 million to the Elder Prescription Drug Program.
- Guarantee recipients funding at 2001 appropriation levels plus additional state funds on an escalating basis for nonprofit hospitals, licensed nursing homes, licensed hospices and nurse practitioners.

Should this proposal be adopted?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### COUNTY PROPOSALS

**Proposal K: Metropolitan Arts and Culture Council – Arts, Parks, and Kids Millage Proposal – County of Oakland and County of Wayne**

The Metropolitan Arts and Culture Council (the "Council") will support non-profit regional history, science, and art institutions and local arts and recreational programs within its operating area of Oakland County and Wayne County. As provided in Public Act 292 of 1989, as amended, the Council may levy a .5 mill ad valorem tax (50 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value) on the taxable value of taxable real and personal property located within Oakland County and Wayne County for ten years, 2003–2012, inclusive. If approved and levied, this new additional millage will generate approximately Forty Six Million Dollars (\$46,000,000) in 2003.

Two-thirds of the revenues collected will be distributed to non-profit regional cultural institutions to support programming for children, families and seniors in Oakland County and Wayne County.

One-third of the revenues collected in each of the following cities, villages, and townships within Oakland County will be returned to that city, village, or township to fund local cultural and recreational programs and facilities: (list of 61 Oakland County communities here).

One-third of the revenues collected in each of the following cities, villages, and townships within Wayne County will be retained by that city, village, or township to fund cultural and recreational programs and facilities: City of Allen Park, City of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton Township, City of Dearborn, City of Dearborn Heights, City of Detroit, City of Ecorse, City of Flat Rock, City of Garden City, City of Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Township, City of Grosse Pointe, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, City of Hamtramck, City of Harper Woods, City of Highland Park, Huron Township, City of Inkster, City of Lincoln Park, City of Livonia, City of Melvindale, City of Northville, Northville Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, City of River Rouge, City of Riverview, City of Rockwood, City of Romulus, City of Southgate, Sumpter Township, City of Taylor, City of Trenton, Van Buren Township, City of Wayne, City of Westland, City of Woodhaven, City of Wyandotte.

Should this millage proposal be adopted?

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*Chief Judge, 34th District Court*

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*Judge, 34th District Court*

**Henry Zaborowski**

*Judge, 34th District Court, Retired*

**Kurtis Wilder**

*Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals*

**Timothy Kenney**

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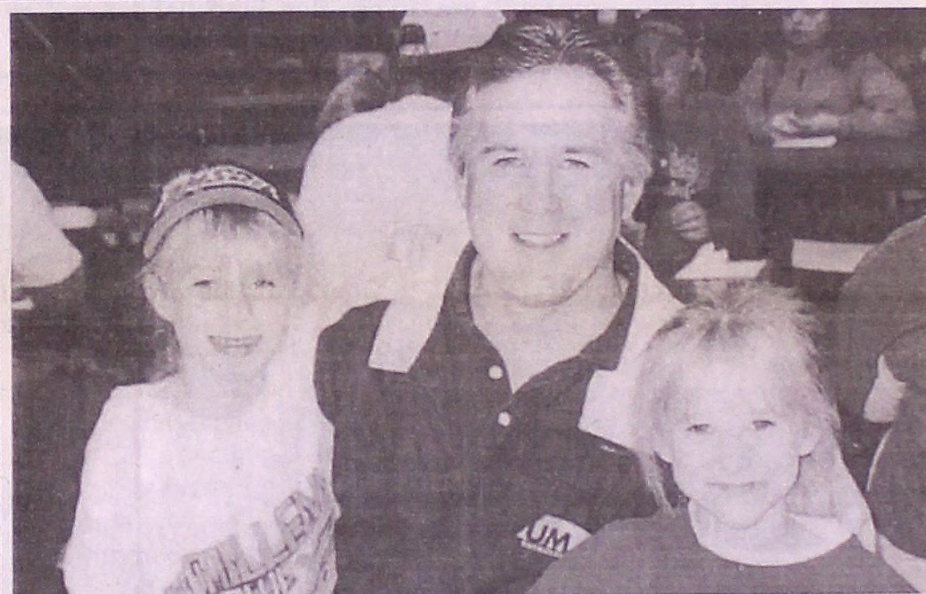
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## New Trees Planted at Middle School

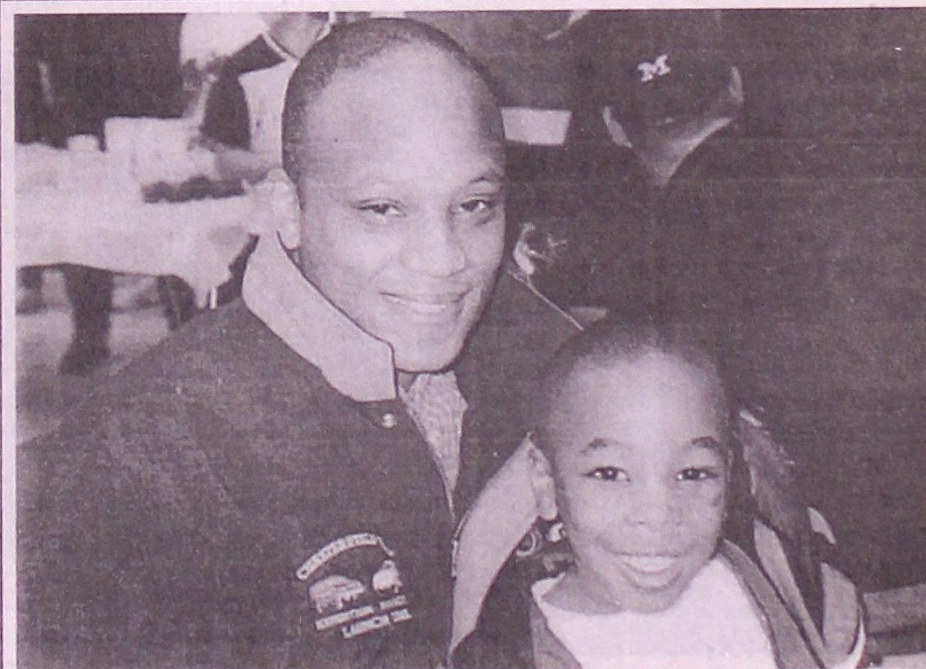


Students (from left) Tiffany Conradson, Rachia Bohannon, Alyssa Green, and Michella Langston look over one of the 20+ new trees recently planted in front of Romulus Middle School. Each of the district's buildings will receive landscape funds set aside from the 1999 \$34-million bond issue.

## "Donuts for Dads" at Halecreek



Ron Orr enjoyed sharing donuts, muffins, and juice with his daughters, Sarah and Kate, at the Halecreek Booster Club's recent "Donuts for Dads" program. The breakfast goodies were attractively arranged by parents Molly McGlynn, Debbie Orr, and Heidi Damron.



Filmore Bouldes and his son Jalen were also among the 250+ people who participated in the "Donuts for Dads" program, held October 8.



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# "Parents Night"



Attending Parents Night for the RHS Eagles football team were (from left) mother Dorothy Ford, Ron Ford, and father Ron Ford Sr.; father Rob Roscoe, Philip Roscoe, and mother Celeste Roscoe.



(From left) Mother Valerie Collie, father Jerry Collie, Sr., and Jerry Collie; mother Dr. Karen Rhodes, Malcolm Rhodes, and father Malcolm Rhodes, Sr.



(From left) Kyle Wasson, mother Marilyn Wasson, and father Joe Wasson; Jamar Byrd and father Steve Byrd.



(From left) Andrew Rodger, mother Patricia Rodger, and father Tom Rodger; Maurice Webb and friend Rhonda Matthews.



(From left) Andrew Blankenship and mother Laura Blankenship; John Jenkins and father John Jenkins, Sr.



(From left) Gerald Cantrell and father Gerald Cantrell, Sr.; Schlay Wooden and uncle Cedric Middleton.



# "Parents Night"



(From left) Brandon Stokes and mother Stacy Dyson; Ryan Boyd and father Tom Boyd.



(From left) Brandon Dawson, brother Brian Tyus, mother Wonda Dawson, and father Brian Dawson.



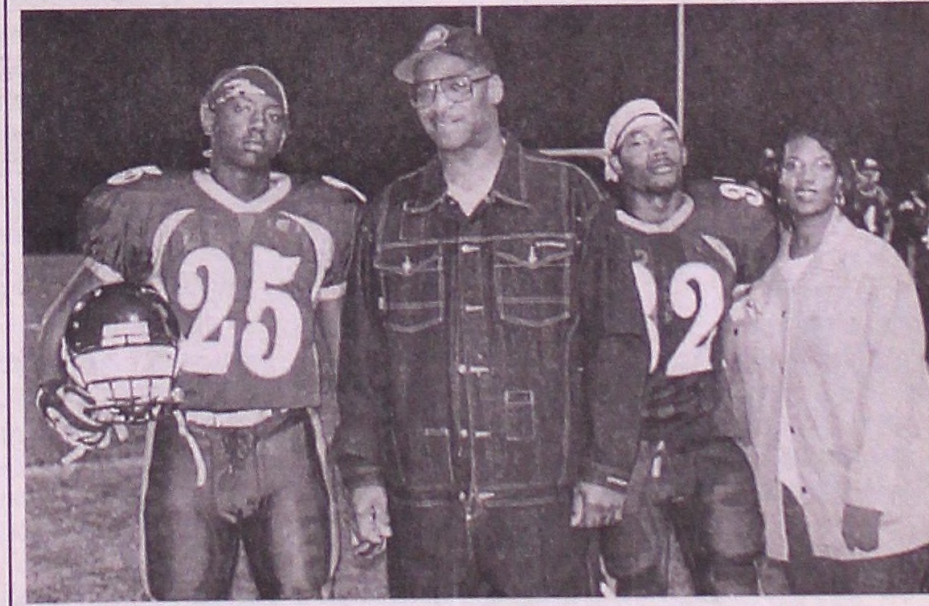
(From left) Jajuan Mosby and aunt Aileen Mosby; Marvin Wheeler and father Marvin Wheeler, Sr.



(From left) Curtis Jackson and mother Sherry Jackson; David Kinney, mother Karla Kinney, and father Brett Kinney.



(From left) Mother Ellen Bragg, father Stan Bragg, and Elliot Craig; Mark Wheeler and mother Latonya Morris.



(From left) Rashaud Best and father Raymond Best; Ryan Hawkins and mother Vivian Hawkins.



# RHS Honors Students' Academic Achievements

Romulus High School recently recognized the following students, whose hard work and dedication has earned them a spot on the honor roll for the first marking period of the 2002-2003 school year.

## Principal's Honor Roll

Note: Students who made the Principal's Honor Roll maintained a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0.

### Ninth Grade

Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Megan Bearman, Lindsay Beregsasy, Bradley Bills, Ayibatari Burutolu, Jennifer Caloia, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter, Mari Clay, Lindsay Coughlin, Katrina Cutliff, Adam Delay, Katherine Drayton, Katrell Duncan, Mario Edwards, Jason Elwell, Jessica Fox, Bradley Garland, Brittney Garrison, Doloris Garry, Amber Gondek, Brittany Hampton, Ashley Horyn, Shannon Kowalski, Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Justin Maupin, Krystle McKay, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Tiffany Motsch, Michelle Nelson, Amanda Nowicki, Rhea Parteé, Jonathan Rafalski, Anisa Rakic, Timothy Reed, Cecily Ricer, Brian Rodger, Anne Ross, Kayla Schmidt, Patricia Silvey, Kevin Smith, Mary Stewart, Dennis Suiter, Diana Thompson, Anthony Tucker, Tanise Walker, Ashlee Wells, Megan Whalen, Lerodd Williams, Amanda Willingham, Skylar Winter, and Jessica Workman.

### Tenth Grade

Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Donald Brewer, Ronnie Brown, Teela Carroll, Chrystal Coleman, Crystal Hahn, Katie Hale, Paris Hawkins, Daniel McKinney, Ajaami Lockhart, Mallori Losacco, Carolyn Moore, Antoinette Nelson, Jessica Obayan, Dijon Piggee, Malcolm Rhodes, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Paulette Stanford, Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Anastasia Strother, Jamie Suiter, Joann Tieppo, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, and Ashley Wright.

### Eleventh Grade

Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Charmaine Atkins, Audrey Baskin, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Cassie Caldwell, Kristina Camilleri, Jerry Collie, Rhiannon Crawford, Jessica Deverich, Carissa Drobil, Karrah Duncan, Tia Flemings, Latoya Flint, Lauren Fox, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Stephanie Gurner, Christian Hadden, Novella Haugabook, Justin Heins, Danielle Hendricks, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Nicole Liendo, Jeremy Linderman, Sarah Lindroth, Angela Lukas, Patrick McCollum, Patrick Miller, Hanya Ombima, Lajoya Orr, Kristina Rafalski, Tiffney Ramsay, Lysie Ransaw, David Rogala, Britany Sawdy, Sara

Schulz, Christopher Speer, Ryan Tackett, Iesha Taylor, Rebecca Thornton, Kyle Wasson, Mark Wheeler, Cherie Whorton, Reese Williams, Marissa Wilson, and Jeremiah Yeager-Hudson.

### Twelfth Grade

Shannon Allen, Philip Bacon, Natasha Baldwin, Christopher Bostain, Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Corey Briggs, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Brittney Clark, Julia Deshazor, Raquel Dodds, Brenda Finley, Sarah Gray, Rick Hadyniak, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Jamie Henne, Bradley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Curtis Jackson, Megan Keely, Crystal Koch, Hilary Kozma, Adam Malloy, Rhonda Matthews, Aaron McAdoo, Andrew McNeil, Jesse Morris, Joshua Nichols, Nicole Nolan, Heather Patrick, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Keona Riley, Andrew Rodger, Darrien Sibby, Clayton Smith, Clifford Smith, Christopher Swanteck, Laura Tanner, Patrick Webb, Kelli Weimer, Kareena Wells, Jerry White, Scott Williams, Cassandra Wilson, Megan Woodrow, and Mark Woody.

## Honor Roll

Note: Students who made the Honor Roll maintained a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49.

### Ninth Grade

Christopher Avery, Amanda Bailey, Ronald Baker, James Bell, Tondra Bland, James Blanton, Brittany Brooks, Landria Buckley, Travis Camilleri, Kenny Charles, Brian Demoisey, Kevin Ferguson, Krystin Foster, LaBritney Franklin, Dean Gilbert, Carl Gillespie, Jillian Gray, Lindsay Green, Samina Haq, Lester Hardy, Anthony Harris, Nedra Harris, Samantha Heitz, Amanda Hollis, Jeremy Hollis, Michael Hudson, Jennifer Hunter, Amanda Ingle, Dawan Jackson, Tom-Meka Johnson, Tyesha Jones, Amanda Joseph, Ron Kreutzer, Brittney Lake, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Quinton Mark, Jamie Molic, Cory Mortzfield, Flenora Peacher, Rolonda Peammon, Kristine Plank, Whitney Poole, Robert Ray, Rutanya Ray, Khyla Ross, Arlennea Savage, Joshua Sawdy, Britney Stephens, Beverly Studstill, Jeffrey Taylor, Antonia Walker, Jeremiah Warren, Monica Wells, Corey Williams, Stephanie Williams, Tyreke Williams, Velon Willis, and Brittani Zockheem.

### Tenth Grade

Alicia Bracy, Allison Bruckner, Monika Burgess, Antoine Burrell, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, Anica Coate, Jeremiah Cross, Yvette Douglas, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Dawn Griffith, Kevin Hamilton, Shamara Hill-Harris, Stephanie Hindman, Ergys Hoxha, Devon Johnson, Janet Johnson, Lucretia Johnson, James Kendrick, Michael Knight, Paul Lenderman, Vanessa Malloy, Anjelique Moss,

Jeffrey Ottenbreit, Casheena Parker, Candace Parsons, Eric Parsons, Jessica Rodriguez, Samuel Russell, Lindsay Sharp, Jennifer Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Paul Stanford, Dwayne Starnes, Daniel Strange, Kenise Thompson, Samuel Tilton, Miah Wade, Alecia Walls, Natalie Watt, Brytni White, Danté Williams, Sarah Williams, Brian Woods, and Brandon Zahornacky.

### Eleventh Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Jamar Bird, Lauren Block, Steven Bostain, Theresa Chadwick, Ciera Clark, Ronald Coleman, Christie Davis, James Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Thomas Drayton, Anthony Foster, Randall Frye, Storee Garner, Stacey Gilbert, Sabrina Gomes, Alicia Harbor, Sabrina Hool, Constance Kerssey, Robert Koss, Lisa Leblanc, Shae-pree Lee, Timothy Lewis, Victoria Lucaj, Cherise Lundy, Muneera Marion, Nichole Miller, Matthew Mortzfield, Jajuan Mosby, Ashley Much, Natasha Murray, Suzanne Nehila, Nereida Pena, Roderick Poole, Denisa Rakic, Kristi Rice, Lauren Romak, Justin Rooding, Ryan Rooding, James Ross, Cilia Sanchez, Sarah Schatilo, Adrian Simmons, Karron Smith, Latina Smith, Ricky Staten, Johnathon Studstill, Patrecia Sucharski, Michelle Terry, Amy Thompson, Molly Tuttle, Isaiah Warren, Marvin Wheeler, Rapheal

White, Henry Wiggins, Jurbar Williams, Kendra Williams, Tenisha Williams, DeRhonda Williams-Kennedy, Gentjan Xhikola, and Kevin Zajac.

### Twelfth Grade

Zakiyyah Akhtab, Christopher Anderson, Kenneth Belcher, Clint Bergum, Ashley Bishop, Scott Blackburn, Laneisha Brown, Ronald Buckley, Joseph Chisholm, Kelli Cholette, Meghan Conway, Jenia Cooper, Kimberly Cotton, Christopher Culver, Amanda Davis, Sherri Davis, Leatric Dickson, Albert Duncan, Kathleen Eggers, Lechaunte Ellerson, Brandi Hamilton, Tajhiya Harper, Shahidah Hasan, Erick Hemmingway, Melissa Holman, Choyia Jackson, Gregory Johnson, Julian Lambert, Kevin Longre, Natasha Lowe, Jason Messenger, Christopher Middlebrooks, Joseph Miller, Brandon Moring, Darrin Nevels, Erica Ochs, Shrita Parker, Michael Patrias, Jesse Patterson, Latoya Pillow, DáShalone Ross, Markeda Rucker, Celia Samuel, Justin Smith, Tiffany Smith, MiQui Spencer, Jill Steffani, Jamie Stephens, Bethany Swauger, Rye Theriot, Dennis Thompson, Marcia Todd, Rickie Truitt, Brent Tyus, Brandon Varga, Natalie Wheat, Shera Williams, Marrika Wise, Sajmir Xhikola, Shelly Yeramian, and Sammie Young.

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# Senior Citizens, Middle School Students Work Together



(From left) Middle School student Miranda McDiarmid interviewed local senior citizen Margaret Maciejewski as Betty Lenossi, vice-president of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, looked on.

Local senior citizens recently joined students from Romulus Middle School to work on a special intergenerational project that stressed the importance of overcoming misconceptions. The program was organized by Cynthia Clayton, an Eastern Michigan University student who works with Middle School English teacher Christine Hobson.

According to Clayton, the intergenerational project tied in with the theme of a recent student reading assignment: *The Cay*, by Theodore Taylor. The plot of this World War II-era novel revolved around a young boy and an older man stranded on an island. The two had to learn about each other, and about getting along together, in order to survive in a difficult environment.

Clayton wanted her students to learn about older people and how they might interact with them through "real-life" encounters. She began by having Romulus Senior Center program coordinator Linda Norman talk to the students about

some of the things that people commonly experience as they go through the normal process of aging. Later, Norman arranged for a group of senior citizens to go to the Middle School and participate in interviews with students.

Following the interview sessions, everyone was really upbeat, and each group was a little more enlightened about the other's point of view. Clayton was especially delighted with the program, noting that her goal of promoting friendship and understanding between the senior citizens and the Middle School students had been achieved.

Vi Willoughby, one of the seniors who took part in the interviews, said, "My student partner, Adam Hammond, was certainly interested in me. He asked all kinds of questions about my past and how I felt about things." The former Middle School cafeteria worker went on to note, "It was really nice to come back and have the pleasure of talking with an outstanding student like Adam." □



(From left) Adam Hammond and Cody Bailey interviewed Myra Kreyger and Vi Willoughby for their school project on overcoming misconceptions about older people.



Among the local senior citizens who took part in the intergenerational interviews with Romulus Middle School students were: (from left) front – Angie Snyder, Sandy Bell, Doll Wands, Kaye Brewer, Myra Kreyger, Vi Willoughby, Millie Campbell, Theresa Golembiewski, and Margaret Maciejewski; back – Alice Gilbert, Betty Lenossi, Polly Lopez, Blanche Bogotski, and Alice Hudish.

## Students Share Long-distance Lesson



Cory teacher Paul Grange and students Moriah Chapman and David Ellis enjoyed an interactive lesson with Wick teacher Tavia Redmond's class (on the monitor) via the district's new fiber-optic wide-area network.



Eastern Michigan University student Cynthia Clayton (center) organized the intergenerational project, which paired senior citizens like Angie Snyder with students like Rebecca Lewkowicz.



## Merriman Rewards Positive Behavior



(From left) Charles Roach, William Melchor, Kierstyn Burns, Shala Thomas, and Timothy Booth – first-graders in teacher Linda Goulette's class at Merriman – enjoyed their "pumpkin raffle" winnings from the school's monthly Positive Discipline program. Students must have perfect records (no referrals) in order to be eligible.

## "Meet-the-Band Night" at RMS



Romulus Middle School's "Meet-the-Band Night" featured some special characters performing the "Things That Go Bump in the Night" selection. They included: (from left) front – Vaneshia Williams, Theresa Windom, Akara Stovall, and Jasmine Brown; back – Tricia Wanamaker, Jennifer Dick, Lacey McKinney, Derris Cooley, and Jetaun Robinson.

# ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 14, 2002, was called to order by Vice-president Betty M. Lenossi at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call showed members Michael Woods, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, April Frayer, Cheryl Buckley, Celeste Roscoe, and Betty Lenossi present. Member Billy McCraight absent (excused). All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Lenossi.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended to include "Personnel Actions" under "Report of the Superintendent."

**10/02/1** Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**10/02/2** Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2002, as corrected. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Executive Session – Legal Matters

**10/02/3** Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 7:04 p.m.

#### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

**RESIGNATION:** Donna Phillips, Custodian, Cory Elementary, Effective March 1, 2003.

**10/02/4** Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to approve the personnel actions as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

**10/02/5** Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Audit Report – Ron Traskos and Lois Smythe

Mr. Ron Traskos and Mrs. Lois Smythe of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel were present to discuss the 2001–2002 Audit Report with members of the Board of Education.

**10/02/6** Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the 2001–2002 Audit. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Declaration of Surplus Vehicles

**10/02/7** Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education declare Bus #110 (1991; mileage 156,257) and Bus #135 (1991; mileage 138,387) as surplus as recommended by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### City of Romulus – Master Plan – Board Representative

Member Michael Woods has been appointed as the Board representative for the Romulus Community Schools to the committee that's developing a new master plan.

### Spring 2003 Trip to France

No action was taken. The superintendent and High School principal reject the request for this trip.

### Discussion of Possible Contract with Compass Learning

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, briefly discussed contract negotiations with Compass Learning Corporation. The district would provide intellectual property for a 50-percent share in the sale of Compass's Assessment Designer Software.

### Purchase of Tape Delay System – Televising Board Meetings

**10/02/8** Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a tape delay system from Innovative Communications for the Board room at a cost of \$20,991.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Storage Building – Addendum

**10/02/9** Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve a Change Order of \$30,013.20 for cement floor and \$4,502.25 for fiberglass wall insulation for the storage building. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Ms. Faye Knight discussed her concerns regarding the selling of pizzas by retail class.

Mr. Philip Renke thanked the Board for moving ahead with televising, via tape delay, the Romulus Community Schools' board meetings.

Mr. Gary Wilkinson thanked Mr. Carr and Mrs. Frayer for T-ball fields at Mt. Pleasant.

Ms. Ann Lammers expressed her thanks for lines in the Halecreek parking lot.

### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Education Week – Predictable Casualties; 2) Barth Newsletter; 3) Halecreek Newsletter; 4) Cory Newsletter; 5) Merriman Newsletter; 6) MASH – Leadership Conference, Dearborn, November 7–10; 7) Romulus High School Annual Report; 8) Halecreek Elementary Annual Report; 9) Romulus Elementary Annual Report; 10) Romulus Middle School Annual Report; 11) Romulus/Van Buren Adult Ed Newsletter; 12) Barth Annual Report; 13) Romulus Middle School Newsletter; 14) Middle Cities Annual Report; 15) Communication – State of Michigan Compliance CEPI Letter; and 16) Flu Shots on Friday, October 18, 2002, for staff and family members.

### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz commented on the heavy usage of our football field.

Mrs. April Frayer reported on the Early Childhood Committee and Mr. Michael Woods stated that we need to keep adding children.

Mrs. Cheryl Buckley expressed her thanks for the soccer field.

### ADJOURNMENT:

**10/02/10** Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Buckley, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



## Community Calendar

- **Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale** – The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 4th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show – a fund-raiser for the Chamber Building Fund – in the Belleville High School cafeteria on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- **Mother's Morning Out** – Ball Road Tabernacle invites you to drop off your children (ages 2 to 5) for a program of play time, stories, crafts, and lunch, while you enjoy a morning free to run errands. The service is available at the church (located on the corner of Ecorse and Ball roads, west of Merriman) each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 734-722-9638.
- **Sauerkraut Dinner/Bake Sale/Bazaar at St. Paul** – St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend its upcoming Sauerkraut Dinner/Bake Sale/Bazaar. The event is set for Thursday, November 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Bluegrass Show** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host the next in an ongoing series of bluegrass shows at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Friday, November 8, from 7 to 11 p.m. Featured artist will be Nitro Hill. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- **Craft Show/Bake Sale** – New Faith Chapel invites the public to attend its 4th Annual Craft Show/Bake Sale, to be held at the church (located at 19498 Middlebelt, Romulus/Huron Township) on Saturday, November 9, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Concession food and drink will be available. For more information, call 734-783-1490.
- **"Platters" Concert** – The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is selling tickets for the Platters concert to be held in the Belleville High School auditorium on Saturday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. To make your reservation, stop in at the Chamber office (located at 248 Main Street) any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or call 734-697-7151. (Note: The auditorium ticket office will open at 2 p.m. the day of the concert.)
- **Craft Class: Stained-glass Mosaic Tile** – The Romulus Recreation Department invites you to learn how to make your own stained-glass mosaic tile by taking part in a 90-minute class to be held at the Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, November 16, at 9:30 a.m. The simple process – which involves placing pieces of glass into a mold and adding grout – is great fun, and yields a beautiful finished product that can be hung to allow light to pass through. Cost is \$20 per student. Preregister by Thursday, November 14. For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- **Bird-feeding Basics** – Learn more about feeding our feathered friends through the winter – and construct a birdhouse to take home – when a staff naturalist from the Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation hosts a class called "Bird-feeding Basics" on Saturday, November 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee of \$3 per person *must* be received two weeks before event date. Limit: one birdhouse per family. For information, call 734-261-1992.
- **Cable Commission Meeting** – The next meeting of the Romulus Cable Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard Road). The meeting will be televised on cable channel 12.
- **Thanksgiving Crafts for Youths** – The Romulus Public Library invites children in grades K–5 to sign up for a free Thanksgiving craft class, to be held at the Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) on Saturday, November 23, from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 11:15 a.m. For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the Library's winter business hours (Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Board of Education to Meet at Halecreek Elementary** – In keeping with its decision to take half of its meetings to the community, the Romulus Board of Education will hold its November 25 meeting at Halecreek Elementary School. Among the agenda items will be a presentation on Romulus/Van Buren Adult and Community Education, conducted by Mr. Al Wilkerson and Ms. Sharman Speiser. Start time is 6:30 p.m.
- **Nursery Has Openings** – Huron Countryside Cooperative Nursery, located in New Boston, has openings available for three- and four-year-old children. For more information, call 734-753-5978.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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## Recreation News

*Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.*

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

### Final Softball Standings

The Recreation Department's Fall Men's Sunday Softball League, which began play September 8, wrapped up its season on October 27. Final standings were:

#### League

- 1) Hitmen
- 2) Motor City Madmen
- 3) High Construction
- 4) Boston Steamers

#### Tournament

- 1) High Construction
- 2) Motor City Madmen
- 3) Boston Steamers
- 4) Hitmen

### Gymnastics #1

The Recreation Department's next "Itty-Bitty Bunny" daytime gymnastics program for boys and girls ages 18 months to 5 years will be held at the Coleman Center on Beverly Road each Monday from January 13 to February 24 according to the following schedule:

- ages 18 months to 2½ years: 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- ages 3 to 4 years: 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.
- age 5 years: 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per session. Registration deadline is Thursday, November 7.

### Gymnastics #2

The next Tumblebunnies gymnastics program for boys and girls ages 3 to 15 will be held at the Recreation Center each Tuesday from November 5 to December 17 according to the following schedule:

- ages 3 to 4: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ages 5 to 7: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 to 15: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per session. Registration deadline is Friday, November 1.

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### Floor Hockey

Boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 are invited to sign up for the Recreation Department's after-school floor hockey program, which will be held at Barth, Cory, Halecreek, and Romulus elementary schools from 3:30 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from November 19 to December 19.

A cost of \$10 per child (\$20 per child for those who need a team shirt) includes bus transportation home. Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 14.

Please note that *no late registrations will be accepted except to fill teams, as needed.*

### Pee-wee Tennis

Boys and girls in grades K–2 will get an introduction to tennis through the Recreation Department's pee-wee tennis program. Sign up for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. classes to be held on Mondays (Barth Elementary) or Tuesdays (Cory Elementary) from November 11/12 to December 16/17.

A cost of \$30 per child includes a T-shirt. Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 7.

### Indoor Tennis for Teens

Individuals (ages 12 to 18) enrolled in the Recreation Department's indoor tennis class will play tennis at the Dearborn Racquetball Club from 5 to 7 p.m. each Sunday (except November 17) from November 10 to December 22. Free pizza (sponsored by the United States Tennis Association) will be provided after each workout.

Cost is \$30 per person. Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 7. For more information, call Gina Carter (313-622-6700).

### RHS Alumni Basketball

Nate Oats, coach of Romulus High School's varsity boys basketball team, is looking for all former players to participate in an alumni basketball game, which will be held in the High School gymnasium on Tuesday, November 26, at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Oats at 734-532-1170.

Note: Family members, friends, and community members are invited to come out and watch this free event! □

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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

### Flu Shots

Area Farmer Jack stores will be offering free flu shots to Medicare A&B subscribers (all others pay \$15) on the following dates:

- Friday, November 1, from 12 to 4 p.m. (Fort at Emmons in Lincoln Park);
- Saturday, November 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Ecorse east of Monroe in Taylor);
- Sunday, November 3, from 12 to 4 p.m. (Telegraph between Wick and Goddard in Taylor);
- Monday, November 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. (Southfield at Dix in Allen Park);
- Tuesday, November 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. (Ford Road at John Daly in Dearborn Heights);
- Thursday, November 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. (Michigan Avenue near Outer Drive in Dearborn); and
- Wednesday, November 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. (Michigan Avenue at Greenfield in Dearborn).

For more dates, call 1-888-882-4FLU.

### Free Oil Change

The Auto Lab students at Romulus High School are offering a complete oil change, free of charge, to the first 15 Romulus senior citizens who sign up for the service. Students will perform the service – which includes the greasing of all fittings, a new oil filter, a fluid check/top-off, an air-pressure check, and a complete under-car inspection – on Friday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Complimentary donuts and coffee will be served to customers while they wait.

Registration forms are available at the Romulus Senior Center. For more information, call the Center.

### Club #1 Wants You!

The local senior group known as Club #1 meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Future meetings will include:

- November 5 (meeting, birthdays, games, bag lunch);
- November 12 (meeting, games, bag lunch);
- November 19 (Thanksgiving dinner, Kmart); and
- May 28 (bingo, pot luck).

New faces are always welcome.

### November Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to take part in a Native American Thanksgiving celebration on Friday, November 22, beginning at 1 p.m. The event will feature Native American storytelling and an opportunity to purchase authentic items from a Native American trader, as well as a traditional meal of roast turkey legs, dressing, corn bread, squash soup, dessert, and beverage.

Cost is just \$4 per person. Register early, as space is limited.

### Annual Commodities Registration

The Romulus Senior Center will begin accepting registrations for the Commodities surplus-food program during the month of November. To register, an applicant must be a Romulus resident and have proof of income. (This is *not* a seniors-only program.) Those currently enrolled in the program will need to re-enroll for the upcoming year.

Commodities are distributed on the third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) welcome.

### Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, November 18, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

### Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

### Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Center serves a hot lunch each weekday for \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. □

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### Amelia May Bodenmiller



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Lyle and Sarah Bodenmiller of Belleville, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Amelia May Bodenmiller.

Amelia was born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ypsilanti, MI) at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2002, weighing in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20 inches.

Amelia was welcomed home by her siblings, Samantha, age 7, and Patrick, 20. Also welcoming her were her maternal great-great-grandmother, Sophie Wazny (Midland, MI); maternal great-grandmothers, Geraldine Gilliland and Valeria Massicotte (both of Romulus, MI); paternal grandparents, Irving and Pat Bodenmiller (Bellevue, FL); and maternal grandparents, Sandra Massicotte (Taylor, MI) and Mark and Karen Massicotte (Walled Lake, MI).

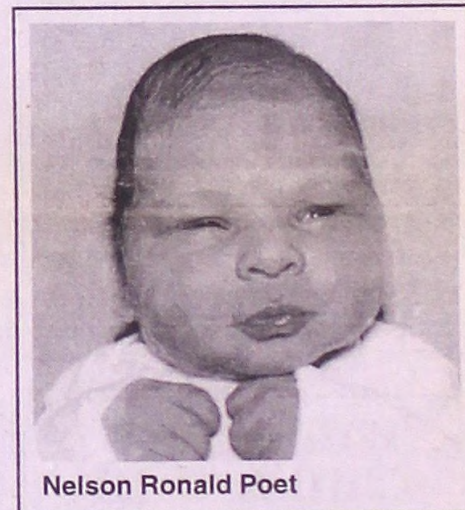
### Nelson Ronald Poet

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Nelson Ronald Poet, are Greg and Becky Poet of Romulus, Michigan.

Nelson was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 4:58 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2002, weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces, and measuring 21 inches.

Especially excited about the new arrival was his big brother, Steven Gregory Poet.

Also welcoming Nelson were paternal grandparents Steve Poet (Wayne, MI) and Donna Poet-Barnes (Taylor, MI), and maternal grandparents Ronald and Barbara Nowitzke (New Boston, MI). □



Nelson Ronald Poet

## Obituary

### Valeria M. Massicotte

Valeria M. Massicotte of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, October 26, 2002, at the age of 67.

Valeria — a native of Midland, Michigan — was born on October 10, 1938. The Kelsey-Hayes (Belleville, MI) retiree was a member of Tri-City Bowling and served as secretary for five leagues. She also served as the precinct captain for Romulus elections.

Surviving Valeria are her mother, Sophie Wazny (Midland); a son, Mark (Karen) Massicotte (Walled Lake, MI); two daughters, Sherree (Esteban) Morales (Carrizo Springs, TX) and Pamela Massicotte (Ypsilanti, MI); a brother, Jerome (Jeannie) Wazny (Turner, MI); two sisters, Patricia Wise (Midland) and

Kathy Wazny (Midland); a sister-in-law, Carol Wazny (Lynwood, MI); two grandchildren, Sarah Bodenmiller and Adam Massicotte; and four great-grandchildren, Samantha Carfes, Shane Massicotte, Lydia Massicotte, and Amelia Bodenmiller.

Those who predeceased Valeria include her husband, Raymond Massicotte (May 31, 1995); her father, Frank Wazny; a daughter, Cynthia Massicotte; two brothers, Peter and Florian Wazny; and a sister, Dorothy Grice.

A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, October 29, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). □



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